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Sir:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [ X ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 10/145,855 filed: May 14, 2002

of: Dr. Günter Halmschlager et al.

*(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)*

entitled: MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A FIBROUS WEB FROM A FIBROUS  
SUSPENSION AS WELL AS A PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR  
MONITORING A DRAINAGE ELEMENT

*(Title of Invention)*

1. [ X ] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

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Basic Fee				\$385.00	-	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
Total Claims	24	- 20	4	\$9.00	-	\$18.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3	0	\$43.00	-	\$86.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+\$145.00	-	+\$290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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3. A check in the amount of \$842.00 is enclosed. (Check No.11282 )
4. [ X ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/145,855 filed May 14, 2002.--
5. [ ] New informal drawings are enclosed.
6. [ X ] The prior application is assigned of record to Voith Paper Patent GmbH.
7. [ ] A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
8. [ X ] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
9. [ X ] I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 10/145,855, filed on May 14, 2002.
10. [ X ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [ X ] The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. **20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.** A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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[ X ] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

[ X ] Any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

12. [ ] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

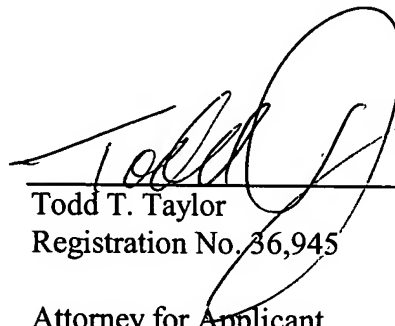
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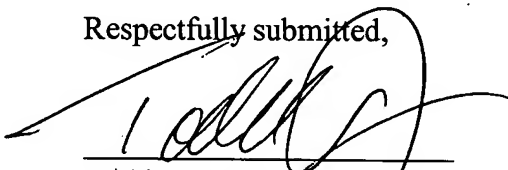
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FROM A FIBROUS SUSPENSION AS WELL AS A PROCESS AND  
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Forwarded herewith is the above-identified application, consisting of the following:

Specification (16 Sheets)  
Claims (8 Sheets)  
Abstract  
Drawings (4 Sheets)  
Declaration ☒ Executed ☐ Unexecuted  
Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Preliminary Amendment  
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